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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****APR 13 2004****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re U.S. Patent Application****ITO *et al.*****Application 09/848,771****Filed: May 3, 2001****For: SOLUTION AND PROCESS  
FOR PRODUCING BIOCHIP****Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0045****Art Unit 1634****Examiner  
Forman, Betty J****Fax No. (571) 273-0741****OFFICIAL****Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231****SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE****Sir:**

This is supplemental to the response filed on January 28, 2004 and based upon the phone conversation with the Examiner on April 8, 2004. Please amend the above identified application as follows: